

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
POPULATION TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 20, 2000
MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

George Pettit, Gilbert, Chairman	Karen Shurko, Goodyear
*Debbie Kohn, Avondale	*Horatio Skeete, Litchfield Park
Donna Stevens for Joe Blanton, Buckeye	Anne Blech, Mesa
*Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	Shiloh Thatcher for Neil Urban, Maricopa County
Bob Pazera, Chandler	Tim Loughrin, Peoria
Eddie Rios, El Mirage	Tim Tilton for Remy Autz, Phoenix
Geir Sverdrup, Fountain Hills	Harry Higgins, Scottsdale
*Tina Notah, Gila River Indian Community	Rosalinda Herrera, Surprise
*Ralph Vasquez, Gila Bend	Mark Elma for Neil Calfee, Tempe
*James Holland, Glendale	*Jerry Stricklin, Wickenburg
Duncan Miller, Paradise Valley	*Dick Gregory, Youngtown

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joanie Mead, Scottsdale	Betty Jeffries, DES
Mark Fooks, Bureau of the Census	Linda Strock, DES
Terry Fooks, Bureau of the Census	Laura Stegall, MAG
Samuel Colon, DES	Harry Wolfe, MAG
Susan Kansler, DES	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Pettit at 10:05 a.m.

2. Call to the Audience

There were no requests from the audience to address the MAG POPTAC.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2000

It was moved by Harry Higgins seconded by Bob Pazera and unanimously recommended to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2000.

4. Building Permit Completion Status Report

Harry Wolfe reported that he has sent notification via email to several member agencies because the second quarter Building Permit Completion data had not been received. He added that MAG needs to have this data by Monday, July 31, 2000 and distributed a completion summary for member agency review.

5. Status Report on Census 2000 Enumeration

Harry Wolfe stated that the Coverage Improvement Follow-up is taking place and should be completed by next week. Mr. Wolfe said he will follow up to find out the status of new construction program.

Mark Fooks from the Census Bureau gave an update. He said that the ACE is a statistical sampling or audit which will include new housing and that the audit “checks the checkers” with additional quality assurance. He also noted that the Census Bureau may visit a household 3-5 times in the course of the statistical sampling and the fact that the Census Bureau is making these visits is not advertised. He stated his workers have laptop computers, go to the door and ask short form questions. He also noted that all areas are included in the sampling - even the update leave areas and Indian reservations are 100% audited instead of only a percentage. Mr. Fooks said the Census is important because 14 major federal programs rely on Census numbers and Arizona will be tentatively receiving two new congressional districts - possibly three - based on the outcome of the Arizona Census results.

Mr. Fooks indicated that it may be possible that in future Censuses that a statistical sampling is used rather than an overall count and that any city that are concerned about an area that may not have been counted should follow up with the Local Census Office and they will follow-up.

6. Statistical Areas Program

Mr. Wolfe indicated that he had received electronic files of the maps for the Statistical Area Program and mentioned that these files do not include updates submitted by the cities. He said he would send out the shape file to anyone interested. The file shows 1990 Census tracts, 2000 draft tracts but not any corrections submitted, and that the updated file may be available in October.

7. Census 2000 Full Count Review Program

Linda Strock from the Department of Economic Security gave a presentation on the Full Count Review Program. She indicated that the limitations are that they can make no notes and discussions are confidential. Their job will be to identify, investigate and document data for major discrepancies such as areas missed or special places located in the wrong areas. The strategy is to move rapidly and hopefully unresolved issues will be addressed.

DES will be looking at four data files and will have five days each in Washington, D.C. to perform their review. They will be able to bring reference data on paper and disk and laptop. No data can leave the Census Building. DES plans to bring a list of annexations, list of special places, DES estimates and local tract estimates.

8. Schedule for the Release of Census Data

Harry Wolfe said the schedule of Census releases was included in the DES newsletter. Mr. Wolfe distributed a copy to the meeting members.

9. MAG GIS and Database Enhancement Project

Harry Wolfe explained that ASU is assembling lists of group quarters. He said that this information was obtained from the member agencies and the rest from electronic phone lists and that he emailed a spreadsheet of the group quarter data, asking for comments. There will be a second chance to review this data. The group quarters data is in line with the Census guidelines of 10 or more ?? to qualify as a group quarter.

10. MAG Model Enhancements Project Update

The consultant for the Model Enhancement Project is asking for an amendment to enhance the updates. The enhancement would include IS model that is used to sum to different levels of geography. The anticipated date of completion is Summer 2001.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MAG POPTAC will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2000.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.